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Mr. Ben Finley
Associated Press
150 W. Brambleton Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23510

Dear Mr. Finley:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 20, 2017. You seek a copy of documentation reflecting the reason for discharge from the U.S. Navy and characterization of that service pertaining to Sean Patrick Keoughan. Your request was received in this office (PERS-00J) on March 21, 2017, from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-36), and has been assigned FOIA correspondence file number CNPC20170290 by this command.

A releasable copy of a responsive DD Form 214 is enclosed. The reason for discharge, characterization of service, and other information which has been blackened out are exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 6 [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)]. Release of such information would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of Mr. Keoughan and other identified individuals.

Because your request has been partially denied by this command, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination in writing to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

If an appeal is deemed necessary, it must be received in that office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, in order to be considered. To expedite an appeal, you should enclose a copy of this letter and a copy of the original request along with a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. The letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation "FOIA Appeal" for proper routing purposes.

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. Should you wish to discuss the processing of your

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request by this command, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil and (703) 697-0031.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. P. German', with a stylized flourish at the end.

D. P. GERMAN
FOIA/PA Officer
By direction